

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes January 24, 2007

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m. (EST) on January 24, 2007 in Conference Room A of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Vice Chairman John Newman.

Board members present were Chairman Robert Carter, Vice Chairman John Newman, Acting Deputy SHPO Ron McAhron, Julie Donnell, Harry Murphy, Andrew Seager, William Selm and Donald Cochran.

Staff members present were Shana Kelso, Paul Diebold, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Steve Kennedy, John Carr, Holly Tate and Jennifer Hubbard.

Visitors present were: Mary Kennedy, Greg Sekula, Bill White, Charlie Bell, and Glory June Greiff.

Vice Chairman John Newman called for the approval of the minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Cochran seconded the motion and it carried.

I. Division Director's Report

Ron McAhron reported that the Department was still in the process of hiring a new director for Historic Preservation and Archaeology. McAhron also announced that there would be an open house in recently refurbished DHPA office before the next meeting in April. He turned the meeting over to Steve Kennedy to report on the courthouse initiative. Kennedy announced that there are seventeen historic Indiana courthouses that are not listed in the National Register. DHPA National Register staff proposed that uncommitted federal funds for FY 2007 be used to hire preservation consultants to prepare nominations for these courthouses. When DHPA learned that Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI) had a similar idea, the two groups decided to work together to accomplish their common goal. The organizations are in the process of preparing a memorandum of agreement and RFP to hire consultant(s). The nominations will be prepared in three phases with seven courthouses being nominated in the first phase.

Vice-Chairman John Newman at this point introduced Robert Carter, DNR Director and the new Chairman of the Board.

II. State Certificates of Approval

- 1. Application by the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Tax Court and by the Indiana Supreme Court for a certificate of approval to alter, by renovation, rooms 216 and 217 of the Statehouse (Indiana State Capitol Building) in Indianapolis, Marion County.**

John Carr explained the process of the removal of the counter between the doors of the Supreme Court. Andrew Seager had questions about how the counter would be fastened in the new location and whether the historic doorway would be damaged in the process. The staff briefly discussed Seager's concerns. Seager then asked if the Supreme Court would have working drawings prepared. John Newman recused himself from this portion of the meeting. Harry Murphy made a motion to grant a certificate of approval, Donald Cochran seconded the motion, and it carried.

- 2. Application by the Indiana Department of Administration for a certificate of approval to alter the Statehouse (Indiana State Capital Building) in Indianapolis, Marion County, by installing security doors on the southeast and southwest ends of corridors on the first floor of the Statehouse, where those corridors lead into an east-west corridor.**

John Carr explained the work that is being done in the basement of the Statehouse and indicated that the staff had no concerns about the work. William Selm made a motion to grant a certificate of approval, Donald Cochran seconded the motion, and it carried.

3. **Application by the Indiana Department of Health and by the Indiana Department of Administration for a certificate of approval to demolish and remove the buildings and underground storage tanks at the Silvercrest Children's Development Center at 1809 Old Vincennes Road in New Albany, Floyd County.**

John Carr summarized the situation at the former Silvercrest Children's Development Center and the Indiana Department of Administration's and the Indiana State Department of Health's application for a certificate of approval to demolish the buildings on the property. Charlie Bell from the IDOA explained that efforts to market the property with the buildings standing are ongoing and asked the Board to table the request for ninety (90) days. Dr. Wayne Gibson, a resident of the area near Silvercrest, spoke to the Board of the value of Silvercrest. Dr. Gibson opposed the motion to table, because he believed that ninety (90) days was not long enough. Harry Murphy made a motion to table the Certificate of Approval, Julie Donnell seconded, and it carried. Greg Sekula from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana spoke in favor of working with the state of Indiana to rehabilitate the historic buildings. Mr. Sekula also expressed the opinion that ninety (90) days was not sufficient time for proposals for reuse of the buildings to be developed, as did Board member Andrew Seager. Mr. Seager suggested that the state needed to look at the state properties that are underutilized and develop strategies so that they do not come before the Board one at a time.

III. National Register Applications

1. **North Liberty Park, 309 North Jefferson, North Liberty, St. Joseph Co. (1858)**

Frank Hurdis noted that the Board had considered two similar properties at the July 06 meeting that were nominated under a multiple property document. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A & C. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

2. **Fudge Site, 12-R-10, Randolph County (1880)**

Paul Diebold stated that the staff comment from the October 06 meeting had been carried out. The staff did contact Mr. Hahn to hold a meeting with him. Mr. Hahn's reasoning for his original objection was that he did not understand what he could or could not do on the property. After a meeting with DNR representatives, Mr. Hahn no longer objected and wanted the property to be put on the register. Donald Cochran recused himself from this portion of the meeting. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve for the state and national registers under Criteria D. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

3. **Linton Commercial Historic District, 055-362-26000, Linton, Greene Co. (1887)**

Paul Diebold stated that the staff was contacted by the local community about a nomination and the staff prepared the application. William Selm made a motion to approve for the state and national registers under Criteria A & C. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

4. **Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic district (Boundary increase II), including 208 S. Main, Crown Point, Lake Co. (1890)**

Paul Diebold stated that this was the second time that this historic district has been modified. William Selm made a motion to approve modification of the boundary by increasing the Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

5. **Martin Young House, 127-108-08012, Chesterton, Porter Co. (1893)**

There were no additional staff comments. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve for the state and national registers under Criteria C. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Spring Street Freight House, 019-305-61007, Jeffersonville, Clark Co. (1895)

Paul Diebold stated that the application was received from INDOT and the State is the property owner. John Newman made a comment about how the application extensively goes into the railroad history and the development of the Big Four. He stated that the Indiana Magazine of History did an article on the Big Four and should be added to the bibliography and Newman printed out a reference page that was given to the staff. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve for the state and national registers. Donald Cochran seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Forest Park Boulevard Historic District, 003-214-17171-17279, Fort Wayne, Allen Co. (1896)

Paul Diebold stated that this application was prepared using HPF grand funds. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve for the state and national registers under Criteria A & C. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

V. Grant Applications for FY 2007

This year, 31 proposals were received requesting a grand total of \$848,726. The total funding available for subgrants was \$505,000. If approved, staff's funding recommendations will result in 24 outstanding projects around the state, representing a combined public-private investment of more than \$906,000 in Indiana's cultural resources.

Certified Local Government Proposals

The first category for the Board's consideration is that of Certified Local Government projects. CLG statistics and funding recommendations may be found on Page 4 of the packet. Based on Indiana's anticipated HPF funding level of \$685,000, the required minimum 10% CLG pass-through amount is \$68,500. This year there were only three CLG proposals requesting a total of \$42,263. Staff recommends funding all of them, including the Acquisition & Development proposal that fell below the cut-off point of funding within its category. This leaves a CLG pass-through deficit of about \$26,000. Staff proposes three cooperative agreement projects with CLGs, as described in the packets, which will total approximately \$32,000 in order to meet the 10% CLG pass-through requirement.

Steve Kennedy asked the Board to approve the funding recommendations for the Certified Local Government Category, including the proposed cooperative agreement projects. Andrew Seager made a motion to grant funding at the recommended level and Donald Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Architectural and Historical Proposals

The second category for the Board's consideration is that of Architectural & Historical projects. These recommendations may be found on page 6 of the packet. Nine proposals were received requesting a total of \$110,132. The categorical funding available was \$111,100. Staff recommends transferring the remaining funds to the Archaeology category.

Steve Kennedy asked the Board to approve the funding recommendations for the Architectural and Historical Category. Donald Cochran made a motion to grant funding at the recommended level and William Selm seconded the Motion. The motion was approved.

Archaeological Proposals

The third category for the Board's consideration is that of Archaeological projects. These recommendations may be found on page 12 of the packet. Six proposals were received requesting a total of \$152,259. The categorical funding available was \$126,250. Staff recommends withholding funding notification of the lowest-ranked project, #6 on the list, until after Congress passes the Department of the Interior spending bill. This may allow the DHPA to provide additional funds, since this project is slated to receive only partial funding. However, if Indiana's HPF apportionment proves

to be lower than projected, the DHPA may need to lower the funding award recommended for project #6.

Donald Cochran and Andrew Seager recused themselves.

Steve Kennedy asked the Board to approve the funding recommendations for the Archaeological Category. Harry Murphy made a motion to grant funding at the recommended level and Julie Donnell seconded the Motion. The motion was approved.

Acquisition and Development Proposals

The fourth and final category for the Board's consideration is that of Acquisition and Development projects. These recommendations may be found on page 19 of the packet. Sixteen proposals were received requesting a total of \$586,335. The categorical funding available was \$267,650. Staff recommends transferring the remaining funds to the Archaeology category.

Steve Kennedy asked the Board to approve the funding recommendations for the Acquisition and Development Category. Andrew Seagar made a motion to grant funding at the recommended level and William Selm seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VII. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: April 25, 2007, IGCS, Conference Room A, 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

